

# SUMNER COUNTY'S PROTEST.

## The Constitutionality of the Railroad Taxation Compromise to be Tested.

We have good authority for the statement that the provision of the new law for the assessment and taxation of railroads, making it optional with the railroad companies to pay the tax according to assessment, or pay instead to the State 1 1/2 per cent, on their gross earnings, will be actively resisted in the courts, on the ground that said provision is unconstitutional. The resistance will be made by authority of counties and municipal corporations, of their taxes on railroad property, where 1 1/2 per cent, to the State, Summer counties will be the first to move, and, according to the plan proposed, will be supported by the counties generally in which railroads are located.

Section 28, Art. II., of the Constitution of 1870, reads: "All property, real, personal or mixed, shall be taxed; but the Legislature may except such as may be held by the State, by cities, counties or towns, and used exclusively for public or corporation purposes, etc." All property shall be taxed according to its value, to be ascertained in such manner as the Legislature shall direct, so that taxes State. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than other species of property of the same value, etc." It is claimed that, under these clauses, the alternative afforded the railroads by the last General Assembly is unconstitutional; that no middle ground was left for a compromise with the roads, such as that which was made.

## To Purify Dairy Utensils.

Stand on end, in a convenient place for use, in an open-ended vessel of suitable dimensions for the size of the dairy, say from half a barrel to a hoghead. In this slake some good quick lime, enough to make thin whitewash when full of water, and cover to keep out dust and dirt. The lime will settle, leaving a saturated solution of lime over it, as clear as spring water. After using the milk-pans, etc., wash them as other utensils are washed and rinsed; then dip them in the adjoining tank of clear water, giving them a quick turn, so that every part becomes immersed therein; set them to drain and dry, and the purification is complete without any scalding process, from the new pan to the old worn out one. The lime in the clear water instantly neutralizes the acidity of the milk yet remaining in the cracks or seams, etc., of the milk vessels, to destroy which the process of scalding has been performed. In the case of a very small dairy, or one cow, the clear water may, if preferred, be dipped out for the time being and poured gently back again, the lime purifying the water and keeping it good all summer.

## The Stature of Primitive Man.

The indications are that the primeval man of Europe and his nearer descendants were of short stature. The popular notion that the present generation is physically weaker and smaller than the primitive or ancient, is not utterly unfounded, but there is abundant evidence that the reverse is true. Most of us would be amazed, if not shocked at a true and life-size portrait of the real Eve, "mother of all living." We often hear, indeed, of giants' bones here and there dug up, but intelligent examination invariably proves them to have belonged to the mammoth or other animal. A singular blunder of the kind shows the real value of such reputed discoveries. Years ago a skeleton was dug from the calcareous shale at Oeningen, which the veteran savant Schenker confidently christened "*Homo diluvii testis*"—the man who saw the flood. Casts of it were made for various museums, and, in full faith in the legitimacy of the name, one Deacon Muller was moved to write some most pious and edifying lines about it. Unfortunately, the first competent study of the skeleton proved it to be that—not of an ancient sinner, but of a large salamander, closely resembling the Giant Salamander of Japan. Yet, to this day, every casually unearthed petrification, found no matter where, or in what relations, is to many a memorial of the Noachian deluge. Thus, theories which science has long ago refuted and dismissed from further consideration, are persistently held fast and reaffirmed.—*From Popular Science Monthly for April.*

## Gold, Gold at Last.

Yankton, Dakota, April 4.—Great excitement prevailed here to day on the arrival of two men direct from the Black Hills. They belonged to the party that started from Springfield about the 1st of February, and had in their possession several nuggets and particles of gold taken from the soil with an ax. They express themselves as fully satisfied that gold exists there in paying quantities, and have returned for provisions and implements, and will start out again soon with the company that they intend to raise here, traveling by the Nebraska river.

# THE ABINGDON SENSATION!

## Seventeen Persons Arrested For Counterfeiting.

Last Saturday morning a party of five U. S. Detectives, left Abingdon before day break, and after breakfasting at Mr. John W. Worley's at Holston, disappeared through Little Mecca Gap. An occasional reporter of the News, noting their movements, remarked there was game to be caught, and sure enough, in a few days the party returned with seventeen arrested parties, most of whom are now in jail at Abingdon, for trial in the approaching Federal Court. Some of these men are among the most respected in the Southwest, and yet the detectives say they have "dead wood" on them. Knowing as we do the standing of several of the parties, to have been first class, we omit names. A very eminent citizen of Tazewell County charged with the selling of counterfeit money, is said to have fled to parts unknown, all of them we learn are charged with having either made or uttered counterfeit money, and all have been caught through one individual, who, to save himself informed on all the others.—*Bristol News.*

## Happy Every Day.

Sidney Smith cut the following from a newspaper and preserved it for himself: "When you rise in the morning, form the resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow creature. It is easily done; a left off garment to the man who needs it; a kind word to the sorrowful; an encouraging expression to the striving—trifles in themselves as light as air—will do at least for the twenty-four hours. And if you are young, depend upon it, it will tell when you are old; and if you are old, rest assured it will send you gently and happily down the stream of time to eternity. By the most simple arithmetical sum, look at the result. If you send one person away happily through the day, that is three hundred and sixty-five in the course of a year. And suppose you live forty years only after you commence that course of medicine, you have made 14,600 persons happy—at all events for a time."

## Going to the Dentist.

I like to come across a man with the toothache. There's something so pleasant about advising him to stuff cotton in it, to use camphor, creosote, peppermint, and "relief," that I always feel better after giving it. I have been there—had an aching snag, and I know just how it feels. It used to wake me up at night, and make me mad at noon, and set me to swearing early in the morning. I didn't meet a man or woman but what they advised me. One said that a hot knitting needle pushed down on the root was an excellent thing; and others said that it must be dug out by the dentist.

If I sat down to dinner that old tooth began to growl. If I went to bed, or got up, or went to a party, or stayed at home, it growled just the same.

It wasn't always a growl. Sometimes it was a jump that made my hair stand up, and again a sort of cutting pain that made me make up faces at the baby, slam doors and break windows. I ate cotton, peppermint, camphor and opium until I got black in the face, and that old song kept right on. I put bags of hot ashes to my cheek, applied mustard, held my head in the oven, took a sweat, and the ache still ached.

After the third week neighbors didn't dare to let their boys pass my house, and hawkers and book canvassers went round another street. I was becoming a menagerie, and at last I decided to, and then I decided not to. I changed my mind four times in one afternoon, and at last I went.

The dentist was glad to see me. He said that if he could not take the tooth out without hurting me he would give me a million.

It got easier as he talked, and I concluded not to have it pulled. I started down stairs, but a jump caught me, and I rushed back. He said he would look at it; perhaps it did not need pulling at all, but he could kill the nerve.

By dint of flattering he got me in the chair. Then he softly inserted a knife, and cut away the gums. I looked up, but he begged me not to—said the cutting was all the pain there was in it. He finally got me to lie back and open my mouth, and then he shipped in his forceps, and closed them round the tooth.

"Oh-sord-dord-dord-dord-dord-dord!" I cried. But he didn't pay any attention to it. He drew in a full breath, grasped the forceps tightly, and then he pulled.

Great spoons! but didn't it seem as if my head was going! I tried to shout, grasped at him, kicked, and then he held up the old snag, and said—

"There, I guess you won't feel any more aching."

I leaped down huddled in a. I prom-

ised him ten millions; I told him to make my home his house forever; I hugged him again. I shook hands with everybody in the street, kissed my wife, bought the baby a dozen rattie boxes in a heap, and it seemed to me as if the world was too small for me. I was so happy.

## Gold! Gold!!

OMAHA, NEB., March 31.—Information has been telegraphed Gen. Ord of several parties of miners leaving different points for the Black Hills. In reply to a telegram from one of the miners who recently came out of the hills, whether he would be permitted to return with reinforcements and provisions, Gen. Ord says: Troops from Fort Laramie and hostile Indians have both gone for your mines. For their sakes I hope the troops will reach them first, as the military orders are simply to bring in the party, confine the leaders, burn the wagons, and destroy the outfits.

Gen. Ord has been authorized to put all his cavalry at once into the Sioux country, in which the miners are trespassing; to employ fifty Indian scouts to advise the cavalry of the advent of the miners. His orders are for the removal of the parties, arrest and confinement of the leaders at the nearest military post, burn the wagons and destroy the outfits.

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vs.

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P. MARTIN, J. P.

for Washington County, Tenn.

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